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Serial No. 09/884,289 ) Art Unit: 2157  
Filed: June 18, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
DISTRIBUTING COMPUTER PLATFORM )  
FIRMWARE ACROSS A NETWORK )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2005, and in conjunction with an RCE for the above-identified case filed concurrently herewith, the Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to reconsider all pending claims in view of the amendment and the following remarks.